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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(February 28, 1949 - March 14, 1949)

NSC 41 UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING TRADE WITH CHINA
(See NSC Action No. 188)

NSC 37/5 SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA
(See NSC Action No. 189)

NSC 34/2 U. S. POLICY TOWARD CHINA
(See NSC Action No. 190)

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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 3, 1949 and November 26, 1948; NSC 17/3)

The Conclusions of a report on the above subject (NSC 17/1) were approved by the Council at its 17th Meeting. On September 16, 1948, the Council, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, approved a directive to SANACC which requested SANACC to take appropriate action on internal security and to make recommendations to the Council on problems requiring Presidential consideration. A report from SANACC (SANACC 401/1) requesting further guidance was submitted to the Council as NSC 17/3 on November 16. NSC 17/3 also contained a memorandum to the President from the Secretary of Defense dated October 7, 1948, in which he expressed his views regarding internal security and stated that he was having a thorough analysis of the problem prepared for submission to the NSC together with a constructive program for its solution. In addition, NSC 17/3 contained the comments of the Attorney General on the above memorandum by the Secretary of Defense. The President referred the memoranda by the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General to the NSC with the request that this subject be placed on an early agenda of the Council. Further correspondence by the Attorney General and the Air Force Member of SANACC was submitted for NSC consideration by memorandum dated November 26, 1948. Based upon analysis and discussions since that time, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, and the Director, FBI have reached an agreed understanding on this subject which was submitted for NSC consideration by memorandum dated March 3, 1949. At the request of the President, scheduled as Item 1 on the agenda for the 36th NSC Meeting, March 18.

U. S. OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO GREECE AND TURKEY TO COUNTER SOVIET THREATS TO U. S. SECURITY (NSC 42)

At its 30th Meeting the Council directed the NSC Staff to prepare a report for early consideration by the Council on the position of the U. S. with respect to Greece and Turkey, taking into consideration NSC 36, SANACC 358/7 and 358/8, the previous NSC Staff draft paper of April 27 on Turkey, and such other studies on the subject as may be appropriate. A draft report by the NSC Staff was concurred in by the Consultants March 3, and submitted to the Council as NSC 42. Scheduled as Item 2 on the agenda for the 36th NSC Meeting, March 18.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd)

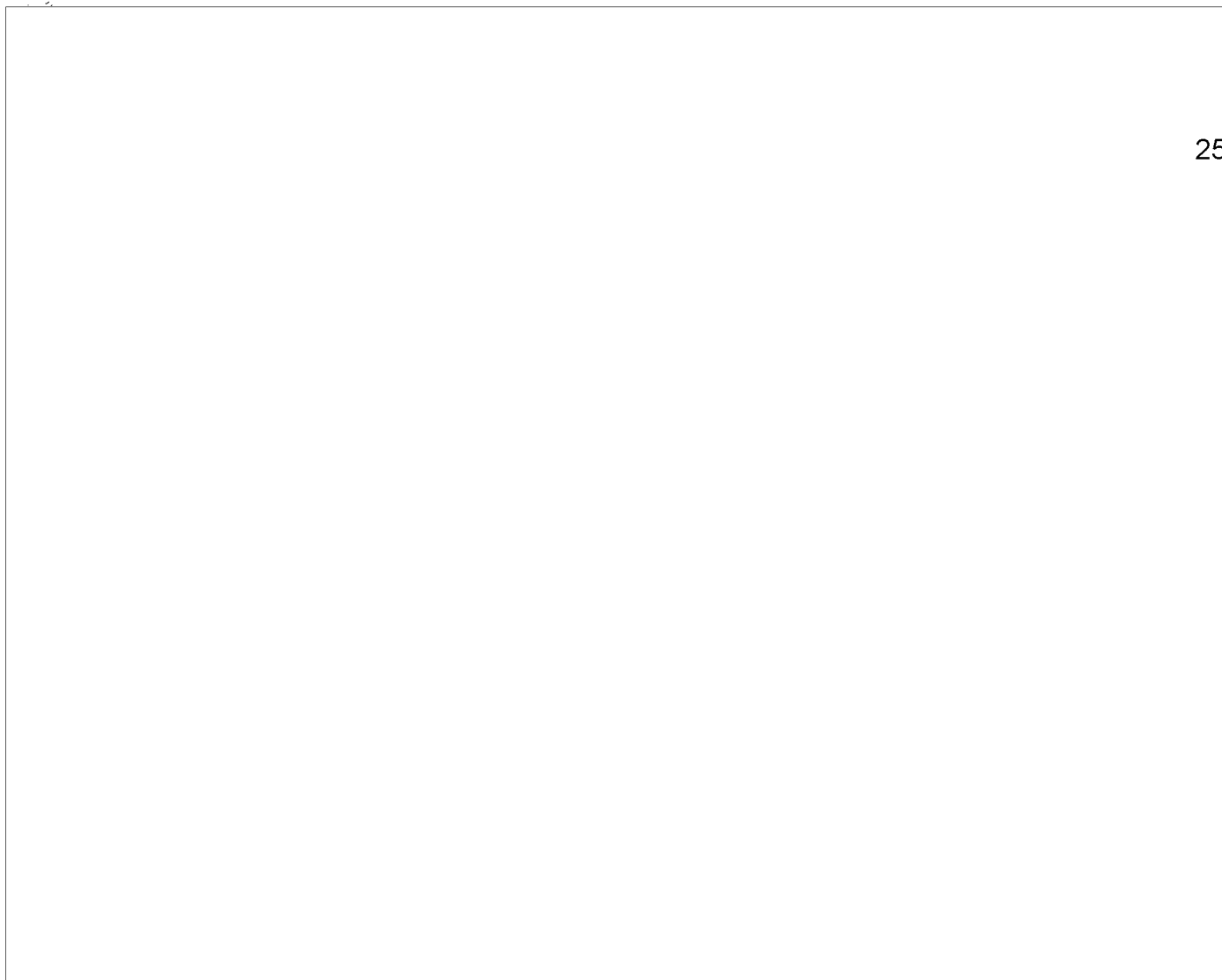
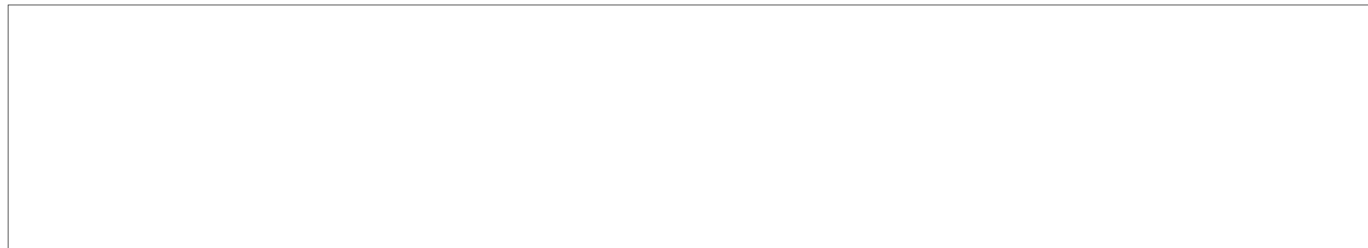
PLANNING FOR WARTIME CONDUCT OF OVERT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE
(NSC 43)

At its 34th Meeting the Council agreed that the organization for peacetime planning for wartime conduct of overt psychological warfare should be established within the Department of State, as envisaged in Annex A of a memo to the NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 1, 1949; and directed the NSC Staff accordingly to prepare a proposed directive for consideration by the Council. Staff draft directive concurred in by the Consultants March 9. Submitted to the Council as NSC 43 by memorandum of March 9 for approval. Approved by the Secretary of Defense on March 11; awaiting action by other members.

DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN UNION

(Memo for the Secretaries of State and Defense, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 29, 1948; NSC 9/5 and memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 8, 1948; and NSC 9/6)

At the suggestion of the Secretary of Defense the Department of State and the JCS were requested to prepare reports on developments with respect to Western Union and the military conversations in London respectively for consideration by the Council at early meeting. Report by State circulated for information of the Council, November 8, and NSC 9/5. Report by the JCS circulated for information of the Council, November 29, and NSC 9/6. Awaiting further Council discussion at an appropriate date. 25X1



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3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC SUB-COMMITTEE ON GERMANY
(NSC Action No. 176)

The Sub-committee met initially on January 28, 1949, pursuant to the reference action, approved a procedure for its activities and designated representatives as a Steering Group. It was agreed that the Department of State would prepare for consideration by the Steering Group the first draft of a restatement of our policy toward Germany, if possible within the next two weeks; and that the Steering Group should undertake concurrently the preparation of position papers on the following problems, the first four of which should have priority over the remainder:

1. Occupation Statute for Western Germany
2. Trizonal Fusion Agreement
3. German Constitution
4. Ruhr Control Plan
5. Prohibited and Restricted Industries
6. Reparations
7. Western Germany's Long-Range Economic Program
(GARIOA and ECA)
8. Western Berlin Currency Situation

Awaiting report by the Sub-committee.

4. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

(NONE)

5. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

MEASURES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE U. S. OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE USSR

(Ref. NSC 20/4; NSC 35; Memo for Consultants from Executive Secretary, dated January 11, 1949)

On the basis of the statement of U. S. risks and objectives with respect to the USSR (NSC 20/4) as adopted by the Council and approved by the President, the Staff is making final revisions to its preliminary draft of the specific measures required to achieve those objectives, pursuant to NSC Action No. 88-b. In this connection the Staff has considered the views of the JCS on military commitments which were circulated as NSC 35 for Council information and Staff use. Staff draft report presented to Consultants January 11. Referred back to the Staff for revisions in the light of the discussion at the Consultants' meeting on January 17. Staff request that JCS views on "military readiness" be obtained for use in completing final draft of report was transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, January 19. Staff awaiting JCS views.

RE-APPRAISAL BY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO KOREA

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated January 17, 1949; NSC 8)

Proposal by the Acting Secretary of State for a re-appraisal and, if necessary, a re-definition of the position of the United States with respect to Korea, circulated for the information of the Council on January 17, 1949 and referred to the NSC Staff as a matter of urgency for the preparation of a report. State Department requested to prepare initial draft. Awaiting report from State.

ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND WESTERN POWERS CONCERNING NORTH ATLANTIC SECURITY AND MILITARY AID

The Secretary of State has informally requested the NSC Staff to prepare an analysis on the above subject for Council consideration. A report by the JCS on "Anticipated Position of Scandinavia in Strategic Considerations", dated February 10, 1949, has been made available informally by the Office of the Secretary of Defense for use by the NSC Staff in the preparation of this study. Staff awaiting draft report being prepared in State.

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IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES POLICY IN THE EVENT OF A COMMUNIST THREAT TO ICELAND
(NSC 40)

Study by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on "Future Operations in Iceland" circulated at the request of the Secretary of Defense and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State to the Council for information and referred to the NSC Staff for preparation of a report for Council consideration. State preparing the first draft. Awaiting report from State.

LIMITED MILITARY ARMAMENT FOR JAPAN
(NSC 44 and memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 11, 1949)

Study by the Department of the Army and comments thereon by General MacArthur and the Joint Chiefs of Staff referred by the Secretary of Defense for examination by the NSC Staff with a view to preparing possible amendments to NSC 13/2 for Council consideration. Awaiting Staff report.

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6. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN (NSC 13/1 and 13/2; NSC Action No. 117-g-(2))

At its 23rd Meeting on October 7 the Council adopted NSC 13/1, subject to amendments, and agreed that paragraphs 5, 9 and 20 should be submitted separately (NSC Action No. 117). Approved report circulated as NSC 13/2. Paragraph 5 adopted as of October 26, and paragraph 9 as of November 19, by NSC Actions Nos. 138 and 143 respectively. Amendment to paragraph 5 adopted February 1 by NSC Action No. 177. Awaiting a joint report by the Secretaries of State, Defense and the Army on paragraph 20.

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA (NSC 19/1 and 19/2; Memo for Secretary of State from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 15, 1948)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC reviewed and discussed the subject but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations referred to by the Department of State in NSC 19/2. As suggested by the Secretary of Defense in the reference memo, the Department of State was requested to prepare a progress report summarizing implementation of NSC 19/1, setting forth any suggestions concerning changes in NSC 19/1 as a basis for reconsideration by the NSC of the policies approved in that report. Awaiting report from State.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF FORMOSA (NSC 37/3, NSC Action No. 189 c)

At its 35th Meeting the Council agreed that the Joint Chiefs of Staff should be requested to clarify their estimate of the strategic importance of Formosa, as contained in NSC 37/3, with specific reference to confirmation of the Council's interpretation that this estimate means that overt military action by the U. S. in Formosa is not recommended either at this time or under any foreseeable future circumstances. Awaiting report from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

7. DEFERRED PROJECTS

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration subsequently deferred until after NSC action on the NSC 20 and 35 Series. Awaiting completion of a study on this subject being prepared by the Department of State as a long-term project.

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8. CANCELLED PROJECTSTHE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued February 11, 1948. After various revision, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action was deferred, pending related developments. This project now cancelled, pending completion of a review of the policy regarding this country which is in progress in the Department of State.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA
(NSC 12)

Study of this subject, submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council, distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff prepared a report on North-west Africa for consideration by the Council, presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7; by NSRB, July 12. State changes of August 4 and Army change of July 6 incorporated in a revision submitted August 4 for further consideration by the Consultants. Army changes submitted August 30. State action was deferred pending related developments. At the suggestion of the originating agency, this project is cancelled since the conditions which prompted its origin no longer exist.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued March 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, further consideration was deferred at the request of the Department of State. This project is now cancelled since the conditions which prompted its origin no longer exist.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On December 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued March 2, 1948. Subsequently further consideration of the report was postponed at the request of the Department of State, pending the outcome of current developments in this area. The project is now cancelled pending further developments in the area and the completion of further studies with respect thereto.

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